**DISTANCE SCOUTING PROGRAMME 11**

**“HOME SWEET HOME – GETTING OUT THERE.”  
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| **You have until** *'insert date to be completed here'* **to complete this programme. Follow the instructions carefully and you will be marked “present” for the programme, earn points for your Patrol and hopefully compete some advancement and prepare for upcoming programmes and camps. More importantly, HAVE FUN!!!** |

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| **The PL should, as always, designate who is doing what and, if nobody is doing an item (such as posting a training video) do this item so that the patrol can complete the programme.** |

Your patrol has been in lock-down for some time in a hotel after your return from Indonesia. You have been trying to prepare your patrol to make a real difference when you get out of quarantine, and have also been trying to keep yourself entertained while doing so.

Last week most of your patrol remembered that the eighth part of the Scout Law is “A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties”. Did you manage to post a photo of yourself in uniform with a big smile on your face? Did you manage to whistle at the same time? 😊 If so, please tell me your secret!

Your brain would have also worked overtime if you tried to work out where everyone was in the building. Ruth is on the first floor, here is a summary of where everyone was located:

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| Adam (6) | Bryce (4) | Carrie (6) | Diego (5) | Emily (5) |
| Felix (4) | Gina (6) | Heather (2) | Imogen (2) | Joseph (4) |
| Kara (3) | Luther (3) | Milo (3) | Neal (5) | Omar (4) |
| Penny (1) | Quentin (5) | Ruth (1) | Stuart (5) | Tanya (3) |
| Ulysses (5) | Victoria (1) | Will (4) | Xavier (4) | Yvonne (3) |

If you are interested in seeing how the logic behind solving the puzzle works, visit: <https://www.sporcle.com/blog/apartment-building-logic-puzzle-walk-through/>.

**INSPECTION:**

Last week you should have run a fun patrol activity and invited a friend or two to join in. Some of their parents have never heard of scouts before though and want to make sure that everything is “above board” before they will consider letting your friend take place in another scout activity. How to prove that you are actually a scout?

**If you are an invested scout and your troop makes use of Scouts Digital** log onto your profile and upload a picture of yourself on the system in full uniform. If you already have a picture uploaded, upload a new, updated picture. If you don’t have profile, ask your TS to create one. Show that you know how to use Scouts Digital by identifying one advancement item that you have not yet passed but plan to pass during the lockdown. Post your decision on your patrol WhatsApp group.

With your updated photo uploaded, you now have proof that you are a scout for your friend’s parents!

**If you are an invested scout and your troop does not make use of Scouts Digital** post a picture of your Green Card or record sheet on your Patrol WhatsApp group showing that you are an invested scout and are working through the advancement programme. If you don’t have a green card or record sheet, ask your PL or scouter to send you a copy of your records and post it on you patrol WhatsApp group. Identify one item that you would like to pass during the lockdown and post it on your patrol WhatsApp Group. With your record available, you now have proof that you are a scout.

**If you are not an invested scout** you can show your friends that you are in the process of becoming a scout. If you have decided that you would like to join scouts, submit an Application for Youth Membership Form (available at <https://www.scouts.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Scouts-and-Scout-Leaders-Application-For-Membership-Cub-Or-Scout-editable.pdf>) to your TS and post a picture of yourself emailing your application to the TS. If you are just interested in finding out more about scouts, find out what the Scout Promise is, write it out in your own handwriting and post a picture of this on your patrol WhatsApp group.

**GAME – THE AMAZING RACE:**

One of the most difficult things about being cooped up all day is getting exercise. One of your patrol members has suggested an “Amazing Race” where you time yourselves in a race to see who can cover 3km in the quickest time. This might entail racing around your home (hotel room), but hopefully you have access to somewhere safe that you can run. Who will be crowned champion of your patrol and of your troop?

**Scouts who complete this “Amazing Race” qualify to be signed off for Item 3 of the Fitness Scoutcraft Badge. For the full requirements of this badge, visit** <https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=Fitness_Scoutcraft_Badge>

During the official exercise period allowed under government regulations, time yourself to run 3km as quickly as possible. **DO NOT FORGET YOUR FACE MASK AND TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING!!!** Post your time on your patrol WhatsApp group, together with a photo of you at the end of your run. Bonus points will be awarded if you complete the run in something that identifies you as a Scout, for example a purple “Scouts South Africa” shirt or your troop camp shirt with your troop scarf or a branded Scouts SA facemask. Make sure your Scouts SA branding is clear in your photograph.

Why not challenge other troops in your District or Region and see who is the fastest of the fastest? Try for the best individual speed, as well as the best average speed for your patrol.

If you are not sure how long 3km is, there are many ways to check. If your parents have a car, ask them to use the odometer next time they go to the shops to measure a 3km course from your home. Many programmes like Google Earth (<https://www.google.com/earth/>) have measuring tools that allow you to accurately measure distances on a map and even simple navigation programmes like Google Maps allow you to measure distances to pins dropped on a map.

If you got recruits to visit your patrol meeting last week, why not invite them to take part in the Amazing Race this week?

**HELPING OUT:**

Last week your PL or Second should have organised a Patrol-in-Council where you should have discussed various things, including a “good turn” project to help out in times of desperate need. If you didn’t manage to have your PIC last week, hold it asap and plan your project.

**Depending on your project, this could count towards various items:**

**Traveller Service Item 1**

**Discoverer Service Item 2i**

**First Class Service Item 1i**

**Springbok Service Item 2i**

**It also counts for item 5 of the Patrol Activities Scoutcraft Badge**

Run your patrol good turn, remembering to maintain social distancing when you do so. Remember that in addition to counting towards your star patrol and your patrol activities scoutcraft badge that this could potentially count towards your advancement, so have a look at the requirements for service hours for your advancement level and try to kill two birds with one stone!

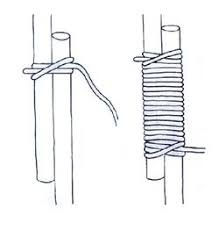
**LOUD AND PROUD:**

**This project will qualify as one of the projects for the Pioneering Scoutcraft Badge (Item 6ii). The full badge can be found at .**<https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=Pioneering_Scoutcraft_Badge>

**If you do the flag ceremony this can qualify you to pass Traveller Personal Development Item 1ii**

You have learned that there is another scout patrol also in isolation in the area. You don’t know who they are or exactly where they are staying, but you would like to make contact if possible. Your patrol agrees that the best way to do this is to be “loud and proud” and hoist the scout flag high where they are bound to see it so you can make contact.

Build a flagpole 5m high using (improvised) rope, poles and sheer lashings mk2 (round lashings). Your project should include at least five poles (no pole to be longer than 2m long) and should be 5m high, so if the flagpole “bends” you will need to make it longer than 5m to ensure it is 5m high when erected.

Your probably don’t have ropes and poles at home, so improvise! String, shoelaces, or even strips of plastic from a plastic bag can serve as rope. Broomsticks, sticks or even rolled-up newspaper secured with tape can serve as poles.

Try to make your flag represent your patrol, post a photo of your flag and flagpole on your patrol WhatsApp group (even a “wonky” flagpole will earn you some points). Bonus points if you do a video of yourself using your flag and flagpole to perform the flag ceremony (both opening and closing). You must be able to break your flag if you try to earn the bonus points.

Image:<https://www.girlscoutsccc.org/content/dam/girlscoutsgirlscoutsccc/documents/pageForms/K2017LashingManual20160926.pdf>

**JUST FOR FUN**

One of your patrol members is an avid sketcher and has made a drawing of the neighbours across the street to your hotel. The picture is reminiscent of a time before quarantine and was sent to your entire patrol to cheer them up. One of your patrol members noticed three hidden animals in the picture though: a butterfly, a duck and a bat. Can you find all three? Image: <https://www.republicworld.com/entertainment-news/whats-viral/butterfly-bat-duck-picture-puzzle-answer-check-the-solution-inside.html>



When you find one of the animals post a rough description on your patrol Group so we can see if you are right.

**BLOGS:**

By now you know the story with updating your patrol blogs and personal diary. Bonus points will be awarded to patrols who continue to update their patrol blogs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Have you considered attempting your Patrol Activities Scoutcraft Badge? Many of the items in this programme count towards this badge? The badge can be found at: <https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=Patrol_Activity_Scoutcraft_Badge>

**The Patrol Activities Scoutcraft Badge can count towards Traveller Personal Development Item 2i. If you lead your patrol to obtaining the badge, this can count towards First Class Personal Development Item 1i**

* A reminder that SCOUTS South Africa has made branded facemasks available at a cost of R40,00 per mask, excluding delivery. Visit the online scout shop at <https://shop.scouts.org.za/> to place your order.
* SCOUTS South Africa has developed a Covid-19 awareness badge. Are you up to the challenge? Visit <https://www.scouts.org.za/2020/05/26/covid-19-awareness-badge/> for information on the requirements.
* This Distance Scouting Programme is an experiment. We would appreciate constructive feedback on the programme. Please send this to [andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za](mailto:andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za).

**TROOP DISMISSED!**